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Kazunari Kimino

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE

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Examiner: G. R. Koch

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.